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TAGS: PINS PFOR PP ID
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI RECEIVES IRIANESE DISSIDENT LEADER

REF: PORT MORESBY 0008

1. MEDIA REPORTED JAN 5 THAT IRIAN JAYA REBEL LEADER,
SO-CALLED BRIGADIER-GENERAL SETH RUMKOREM, HEAD OF
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF FREE PAPUA
MOVEMENT, HAD BEEN FLOWN TO PORT MORESBY LAST WEEK WHERE HE
MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI.

2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, RUMKOREM WAS
SIGHTED ON PNG SIDE OF BORDER ABOUT DEC 12 AND TEN DAYS
LATER WAS CAPTURED BY A PUBLIC WORKS ROAD GANG. HIS TWO
COMPANIONS ESCAPED. THE GROUP WAS BELIEVED TO BE ARMED.

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RUMKOREM WAS TAKEN TO VANIMO AND THEN TO WEWAK WHERE HE
HAD AT LEAST ONE CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER SOMARE
WHO WAS VACATIONING THERE. HE ALSO TALKED TO KIKI BY PHONE
AND KIKI DECIDED TO HAVE HIM FLOWN TO PORT MORESBY
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR TO
RUMKOREM THAT HE WAS AN ILLEGAL ENTRANT. RUMKOREM WAS
BROUGHT TO PORT MORESBY UNDER ESCORT ON A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT

AND MET WITH KIKI IN KIKI'S OFFICE IN PRESENCE OF TWO
PROMINENT MEMBERS OF LOCAL IRIANESE COMMUNITY. HE WAS
QUICKLY IDENTIFIED WHEN HE WALKED INTO PNG GOVT BUILDING.

3. AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT KIKI AND RUMKOREM
DISCUSSED BORDER SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS. KIKI
APPARENTLY ADMONISHED RUMKOREM FOR CONTINUING HIS
ACTIVITIES AND EMPHASIZED THAT THERE COULD BE NO
ACCOMMODATION WITH HIM UNTIL HE ENDED HIS ACTIVITIES.
AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE KIKI WARNED RUMKOREM TO STAY AWAY
FROM IRIANESE IN PNG AND WARNED OTHER TWO IRIANESE PRESENT
AGAINST PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR FREE PAPUA MOVEMENT IN
BORDER AREA. APPARENTLY THERE WAS NO REQUEST FOR AND NO
OFFER OF ASYLUM FOR RUMKOREM.

4. RUMKOREM WAS THEN FLOWN BACK TO WEWAK ON PRIME
MINISTER'S PLANE, RETURNED TO VANIMO AND RELEASED, PROBABLY
IN THE BEWANI AREA.

5. COMMENT: KIKI'S ACTION IN RECEIVING RUMKOREM ON EVE
OF PRIME MINISTER SOMARE'S DEPARTURE FOR A STATE VISIT
IN INDONESIA IS EXTRAORDINARY, TO SAY THE LEAST. WE
UNDERSTAND KIKI MADE THIS DECISION AGAINST STRONG ADVICE
OF DFAT. NEITHER WE NOR AUSTRALIANS CAN FATHOM KIKI'S
MOTIVATION, BUT AUSTRALIANS SPECULATE THAT DOMESTIC
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY HAVE AFFECTED DECISION.

6. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT RUMKOREM WAS SO READILY
IDENTIFIED BOTH IN WEST SEPIK AND IN PORT MORESBY, BUT
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AUSTRALIANS SAID HE HAD VISITED HERE OFTEN ENOUGH IN
THE PAST TO BE RECOGNIZED.
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